

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-16 (canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) A nucleotide sequence encoding a fusion protein ~~according to claim 16~~ comprising an antibody or antibody fragment and the enzyme *E. coli*  $\beta$ -glucuronidase.
18. (Currently Amended) A nucleotide sequence according to claim ~~16~~ 17, wherein said nucleotide sequence encodes the amino acid sequence in Figure 5 which begins at nucleotide number 666 and ends at nucleotide number 3165.
19. (Currently Amended) A nucleotide sequence according to claim ~~16~~ 17 wherein said sequence is the nucleotide sequence in Figure 5 which begins at nucleotide number 666 and ends at nucleotide number 3162.
20. (Original) A vector comprising a nucleotide sequence according to claim 17.
21. (Original) A vector comprising a nucleotide sequence according to claim 18.
22. (Original) A vector comprising a nucleotide sequence according to claim 19.
23. (Original) The vector pTrc99 dicistr. *Fab-E.coli- $\beta$ -Gluc.*